

REMARKS

1 Replacement Fig. 2 is submitted with this Amendment. The reference numeral 60 has been added to said drawing as per the Examiner's recommendation.

5 Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 1 is allowable. With respect to the Examiner's rejection of claims 2 and 3, claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error in that the word "disk" has been substituted for the word "dish." Claim 3 has been amended to delete the reference to "means" and to indicate that "support" is plural. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 should be in condition for allowance.

10 Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hsiao (US 6,408,789 B1). In the Examiner's rejection, the Examiner indicated that the elements 43, 44, 46 and 441 were load cells. Applicant respectfully submits that there is absolutely no indication in the '789 patent that the elements 43, 44, 46 and 441 are load cells. In the specification of the '789 patent, element 43 is described as a controller such as an integrated circuit board. The specification also states that the elements 44 are sensors and that the elements 441 are buttons of the sensors 44. Load cells are quite different than integrated circuit boards, sensors and buttons. If the elements 43, 44, 46 and 441 in the '789 patent were load cells, they would have been identified as such. Accordingly, claim 5 is not anticipated by Hsiao nor is claim 5 made obvious by Hsiao since there is no mention whatsoever of a load cell as stated above. In addition, claim 5 has been amended to provide the proper antecedent basis for certain terms and to more clearly define applicant's invention. Further, in the event


1 that the Examiner believes that claim 5 is patentable over the prior art, applicant  
herewith submits a Terminal Disclaimer which overcomes the obviousness-type  
double patenting rejection of the Examiner.

5 In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 2, 3 and 5 in  
addition to the previously allowed claim 1.

No extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this  
Amendment; however, please consider this a request for any extension inadvertently  
omitted.

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